

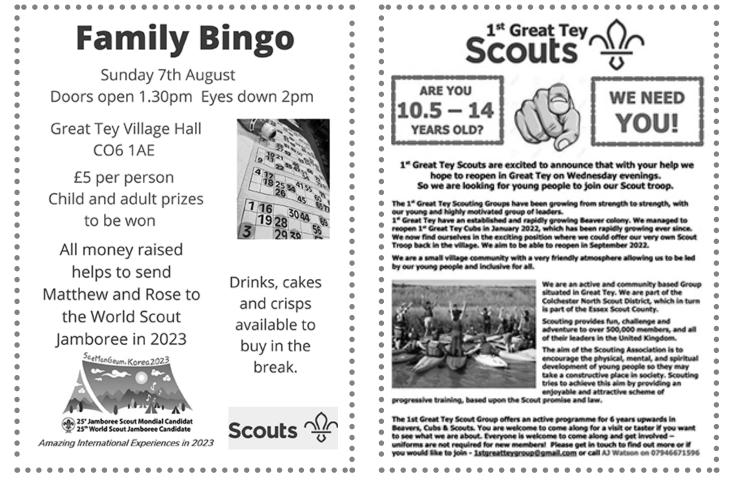
## COME AND JOIN 1ST GREAT TEY SCOUTS!

ist Great Tey Scout Group are hoping that, with your support, we may be able to bring the Scout Troop back to Great Tey! Provisional planning looks at holding Great Tey Scouts on a Wednesday evening in the Village Hall from September. Please see the poster for more information and contact AJ (07946671596), if you would like to find out more.

Great Tey Scouts are currently meeting with 1st Marks Tey. We have had an exciting term which included kayaking, firelighting, a jubilee party, a visit to Gridserve electric forecourt and tent pitching. The final meeting of the term was a huge water fight!

Fundraising for our jamboree attendees continues to go well. Thank you to everyone that joined us for the family disco at the Chequers last month. Alec and Richard did a fantastic job DJing! Thank you to Terry and Natalie for hosting the event and also to everyone in the community who provided the generous raffle prizes.

Our next fundraiser is Bingo in the village hall on Sunday 7th August at 2pm. Come along for a friendly welcome, tea and cake and the chance to win some super prizes. Eyes down for a full house!



### DRAFT AGENDA GT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Summons and Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Chappel Road, Great Tey on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7.30 pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence.
- 2. Declaration of Interests.
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting of 12th July 2022
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere.

Public Questions and Statements – when members of the public may ask questions or make a statement about the parish council or other matters of local concern.

- 5. Report from Essex County Councillor.
- 6. Report from Colchester Borough Councillor.
- 7. Neighbourhood Plan To receive an update from the committee
- 8. Planning Matters
- (a) Applications received none at present

(b) Applications approved by Colchester Borough Council – none at present

(c) Any other planning matters

9. Financial Matters

(a) Cheques for payment

101983 Richard Fordham Tree Surgeons Ltd – Moor Rd/Chappel Rd tree £690.00 £ 115.00

101984 Great Hall Village Hall Committee – hall rental £ 83.00

101985 D Williams-clerk salary £508.50 less PAYE £101.60 £406.90 101986 HM Revenue & Customs - PAYE for clerk £101.60 (b) To receive the financial report

10. Harold Fairs Recreation Ground

(a) To receive an update regarding quotes for extension of the play area area and the public consultation

(b) To consider any management matters

- 11. Handyman
- (a) To receive a report on outstanding jobs
- 12. Village Hall To consider any management matters
- 13. Highways To consider any management matters
- 14. Old Playing Field To consider any management matters.
- 15. Allotments To consider any management matters.
- 16. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere.
- 17. Other Business for Discussion.

Date and Time of Next Meeting 19th August 2022 at 7.30pm

Close of meeting Signed:  $\mathcal{D}$  K Williams Clerk to the Parish Council.

Approved minutes of previous parish council meetings may be inspected by arrangement with the Clerk - telephone: 01787 224895 email: greatteyparishcouncil@outlook.com or view at www.greattey.com

## **EDITORIAL**

My thanks to Great Tey Parish Council for once again coming forth at a critical time to boost the print fund. Also, sincere thanks go out to Great Tey Footpath Walking Group and AC & AW Freeman for their kind donations to the fund.

With the current cost of living crisis everyone is tightening their financial belts, but in order to continue pubishing this paper for the benefit of all our village people and organisations, we do need to keep the print fund healthy and any donation is most gratefully received.

## **EYES DOWN - BINGO**

Just a reminder that there will be NO Bingo in August 2022.

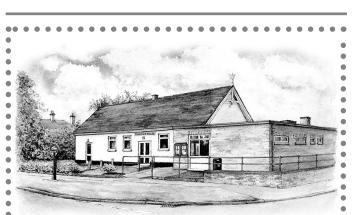
Therefore the next Bingo Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 8th September 2022 between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

Please advertise us to your relatives and friends so we see a boost to our numbers. It is a very social occasion with 6 games of Bingo  $\pounds$ 1, endless tea,



coffee and cake. We will see what September brings to plan and decide our future

Bingo is held normally on the 2nd Thursday of the month between 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Beryl Brewer



# Great Tey Village Hall's **Winter Stall Sale**

Sunday 27th November 9am-3pm

Handmade Jewellery, Personalised Items, Body Shop, Cakes, Christmas Gifts and Christmas Shopping, Refreshments and More!

If you would like to hire a stall email greattey.villagehall@gmail.com

## **YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY**

## Is your child starting primary school?

Starting primary school can be scary for children and their families. You can take the scare factor out by coming to one of our Big School Meet Ups before the big day in September. You can get the chance to meet other children and their families who will be starting at your own child's school.

There have been several of these events already, but they'll be continuing until the end of August. See what's happening at your local library for details. And if you've missed the event for your own local school, don't worry – you can still come along to one of the others, chat, listen to a storytime and get some tips and tricks.

## Recycling at your local library

Here's a tip about disposing of your empty ink cartridges in an eco-friendly way. Take them to your local library.

Every library has a new Ink Bin recycling box to put your empty home-use ink cartridges in. Once they're collected, they'll be sorted, refilled and put back on the market as remanufactured ink cartridges. This will stop them ending up in landfill.

What else does your local library recycle? Most will take old batteries; some take small electrical items too. Save yourself a trip to the recycling centre!

If you're running short of recycling sacks or caddies for roadside collections, your local library may be the place to help. Food sacks, garden sacks and recycling boxes can all be found at some of our libraries.

Coverage does vary, so check out the recycling facilities available at your local library.

## Book groups and Essex Library Service

Are you keen to share your thoughts about a book you've read? Can't wait to find out what others thought of it, too? Starting a book group is a great way to stay in touch regularly with book lovers and to make new friends.

Essex Library Service helps book groups in many ways. By registering your group with us you can reserve multiple copies of your chosen book which can be borrowed for up to three months, and you chose to be added to the list of book groups which can be shared with other interested readers. Our website can give your group ideas for what to read.

## Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that the Summer Reading Challenge – Gadgeteers – is running until Saturday 3 September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

To take part, children will need their own library card, so if anyone in your family is not a library member pop down to your local library to join or join online now.

The challenge for children is to read six books over the summer. If they do, they'll earn a certificate and medal.

## **BARRON'S MOBILE SHOP**

Our two year anniversary has long since passed and the mobile shop is still going, but by no means as busy as we were during the lockdowns. The shop has changed to meet the needs of our customers, we are supplying more niche products such as Charlie's everchanging selection of reasonably priced British cheeses, one favourite is our very popular Suffolk Baron Bigod brie. We have also expanded our order service providing deliveries to our customers when they are out or unwell. To order a box please get in touch via any of the contacts below. There is no minimum amount, some just order a cheese! We also take orders for roasting joints and any large quantities for events.

For those new to the village or anyone not familiar with the shop, we supply a wide variety of fruit, vegetables, meat, BBQ packs, cheese, crisps, pasties, savoury and sweet pies, bread, crisps, milkshakes, chutneys and cakes, all of which are locally sourced where possible. We select the best produce to bring straight to your door. At the moment we have strawberries, raspberries and cherries from Fiveways Fruit Farm Stanway on the van, which are extremely popular. We are in Great Tey at some point daily from Tuesday to Friday and the van can be tracked via our website www.barronfarms.co.uk or Facebook Page.

Charlie has been running the shop since I left to have a baby. He has done a great job and without his enthusiasm and commitment, the shop would have shut a year ago. We have also had Kelly on board for a few months alternating weeks with Charlie. Unfortunately, Kelly is soon to be finishing with us so if anyone would like to do a 4 day week job every other week then please get in touch. Thank you Kelly for all your hard work and stepping into help Charlie.

The shop needs to break even to continue, at the moment it is just about doing this. We would love to have some new or returning customers. If you would like the van to stop at your house please get in touch, we have no minimum spend and accept card payments. If you would like to have a look, we would be happy to welcome you on board even if you decide not to buy.

Facebook Page: G&J Barron Farms. Mobile: 07801 539754. Email barronsmobileshop@gmail.com

Sarah Barron

## **DOG FOULING**

There has been an increase in dog fouling in our public places, particularly in the Harold Fairs

Recreation Ground. Dog walkers are asked to consider the health hazards and public nuisance caused and use the dog waste bins provided.



## GREAT TEY FOOTPATH WALKING GROUP

**SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022** - 12 members enjoyed a local morning walk around our lovely village taking in well maintained footpaths between Oak Road, Lamberts Lane, Swanscombe's and Chalkney Wood.



**SATURDAY 2 JULY 2022** - After over 2 years delay, we finally managed to hold our AGM and Social event

in a beautiful local garden. Our thanks go to Jane & Carl Pearson for their wonderful hospitality and giving us the opportunity of holding this event safely outside and on a balmy summer's day too!! 20 members attended and after a short official AGM, everyone enjoyed an extensive buffet lunch. At the AGM, the three officers; Chairman: Peter Wakeling, Secretary: Jane Pearson, Treasurer: Gill Blakes, were re-elected on block. This was followed by a quick discussion about future walks before the pleasurable lunch began.

**SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022** - Sadly our awayday visit to Orford had to be postponed again, this time due to unprecedented hot weather warnings by the Met Office, so perhaps we will schedule it in later in the year when the temperatures are more moderate!

**SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022** - Local afternoon walk in & around Great Tey, 4-5 miles, meet 3pm Great Tey Village Hall car park

**SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022** - Afternoon (shorter) walk around Stisted Village and Stisted Hall Park, 2-3 miles, meet 2.30pm in Great Tey Village Hall car park, or 3pm outside Stisted Church.

For further information about any of our guided walks, please contact the following:-

Peter Wakeling, 01206 211887, email: peteanddil@hotmail. com

Jane Pearson, 01206 210855, email: drjanepearson@gmail. com



## **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Great Tey Community Swimming Pool is looking for a main sponsor, and feel that a local business would gain from being aligned to our Pool development into a great community asset.

As we gradually get all the permissions, grants and works in progress that we need, then "The Sponsor" will be seen to have helped in the development of the project and share all the Good Will that goes with the it, plus there will be lots of publicity on social media and in the monthly newsletter in Great Tey, which covers 500 plus houses, so also promoting your business.

If any business is interested in Sponsoring the Community Pool, then please contact: greatteycommuntypool@gmail.com

Many thanks Gt Tey Community Pool Committee.

## **SEWING CLASS**

Hopefully this news sheet will be out before our first session which is on Monday 1st August at 3.00 - 4.30pm in the Village Hall at the cost of £10.00 per session, with all money, after hall rental is deducted, to the swimming pool fund.

These sessions will be for beginners or anyone wanting advice and help with needlework projects or anyone who is interested in learning the basic in hopefully making something from scratch, and also meeting people with like-minded interests. This is not for the skilled, as I am only passing on my knowledge of doing dressmaking/alterations over many years, but hopefully it will be a start to a new interest for those attending.

Those people who are interested in joining us please bring all your own equipment - machine, scissors, pins, tape measure etc, but I have loads of scrap material that we can use, or even make things from. Anyone interested is welcome!

Norma Tregoning



## THE PROPERTY MARKET COLUMN

Firstly, an old adage 'location, Location, Location'. We live in a sought-after Essex village with a great community atmosphere, history and amenities, fantastic Church & working bells, great Pub, School & open spaces yet still close enough to some major towns, cities and transport links. That alone should attract buyers and make selling property possible in any market, right?

It is true to an extent although the well published squeeze on household incomes and rising interest rates are going to have an effect for sure. Property market predictions from various sources predict a climb down from the current high levels of high price growth but vary in this analysis from low digit growth through to a period of price falls. Nobody has a crystal ball, all I would say from my observations is that the UK property market has remained remarkably resilient driven by a lack of stock. The only other adage to use here is 'a house is only worth what the market is prepared to pay' so in any market being realistic has to be the key.

So, what can you do if you are selling to maximize impact and get the best possible price? Well, it's often back to basics that really do make a difference. A fresh coat of paint can transform a room, neutral colors are best. Address those repairs, broken or cracked windows, damaged doors, floorboards, cracks in walls. Stage the room by de cluttering, move furniture to the best position. The living room, kitchen and master bedroom are key. Mow the lawn, prune the plants and finally make sure that your marketing pictures are top notch, no cars on the drive please....

As a buyer always maximize your search for a property, the ability to research and investigate your chosen area on the leading property portals is freely available. Use filters & alerts, you can ask agents to search for you as well. Be aware of up & coming new developments roads & infrastructure that may affect you dream purchase. Keep an open mind, sometimes your end purchase may be nothing like you thought it would be when you started, I say that from experience.

If you have any property related questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Please remember my views are just that, always do your research to make the best-informed decisions about property.

Mark Quinn

Mark.quinn@kwuk.com

## **CHURCH NEWS** August 2022 Services during August

These are as follows

7 August 10.00am	Morning Service (Little Tey)
7 August 10.00am	Morning Service (Chappel)
14 August 10.00am	Benefice Communion (Little
	Tey)

21 August 10.00am 28 August 10.00am More information – Benefice Communion (Little Tey) Morning Service (Great Tey) Evensong (Little Tey)

If you would like more information in addition to the above, don't forget you can opt to receive John Carr's weekly email. It is sent as a 'blind copy' ie personal to each individual. In it, he gives more information about the services happening that week, but also, for those not able to get to a live service, John includes suggested readings and prayers and notification of services being live steamed from elsewhere.

Please email John at carrjc@gmail.com to join.

#### **Pop-Up Tearoom**

Wasn't it hot!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pop Up tearoom. Special thanks are due to Jane and Philip Partridge, Christine and John Luckock, and Sue and Christopher Percival. They have done more than their fair share of the 'heavy lifting'. But there is no end to the list of people who have helped.

In spite of the weather, we were delighted to welcome so many people into the churchyard to take advantage of the helper's hard work and especially to enjoy all the spectacular cakes and scones everyone baked. Thank you one and all.

#### **Forthcoming events**

### A Musical Afternoon in Little Tey Church

Little Tey are hoping to have a Musical Afternoon at the beginning of September again this year. Final arrangements are still to be confirmed. So look out for more details in the September Round and About.

#### The Fete

We will be holding the Fete on Saturday 17th September in Walcotts Hall Garden, by kind permission of Simon Hall and Nicki Bolton. More details next month.

#### **Harvest Supper**

If all goes well we hope to hold this again this autumn, in mid October. More news of this next month.

## **GREAT TEY COMMUNITY POOL**

Our fund-raising event this month is by kind permission of Terry and Natalie at the Chequers, with a Live Music Event on Saturday 20th August, where the Fund will benefit with the money from the Raffle. There are a



good selection of Raffle prizes including a cash prize (a percentage of Raffle tickets sold - more Raffle ticket sold bigger the prize!!), a meal for two at the Barn, a voucher for a manicure, Airbnb accommodation and several more.

A great evening helping a great cause!

We are still hoping someone will step forward to help us to establish ourselves on all social media platforms. We have an Instagram Account, but we have no one who knows how to get it up and running. Perhaps someone of the younger generation would volunteer to help us in our quest. If anyone is interested, please contact us on: greatteycommunitypool@gmail.com or 07712250458

THANK YOU.

Great Tey Community Pool Committee.

### THE GREAT TEY FRIENDSHIP/ BOWLS CLUB

Well - "Scorchio" covers it I think! What a temperature, higher than some places abroad! I do like the heat but this is silly!! Still it won't



last too long I think - it rarely does in this country does it! Unfortunately we have cancelled our meeting tomorrow as it will be too hot for us in the hall, but it will be ok for our next meetings I'm sure. And here are the dates for August - Wed 3rd, 17th and 31st (3 meetings next month!) and lunch proposed on Wed 10th and 24th. Don't forget, for any info on the club do call Andrea on 01206 803541.

## **NEW LOCAL BUSINESS**

My name is Francesca and I very recently moved into the local area. I have been running my own small business for a year and a half now. I handmake bespoke soy candles, which are vegan and eco friendly!

l offer a wide range of home fragrance items including candles, wax melts, carpet freshner, hoover discs, car diffusers and room sprays. Please feel free to take a look! Local collection is available alongside postage.

#### www.thesundaycandleco.com

#### **GREAT TEY WI**

Last month we had a lovely turn out for our Garden Party, with the kind permission of Pauline and Alan Mattin, in their 'Aladdin's Cave' of a house and Garden.

Instead of a Talk and invited speaker for this month we decided to have an outing instead. Many ideas were put forward, and travelling too far was not of much interest either, so for our first outing we decided on a trip to the Tiptree Museum and Afternoon Tea.

All members interested in coming please meet in the car park for the Tiptree Museum no later than 2.30pm on Tuesday 2nd August. Hopefully this will be an enjoyable visit, and if we can increase our number of members we will try and do something similar next year - watch this space!!

For those of you who are interested in crafts, then a bit of advance notice that September's meeting is the art of Macrame - how to do it and having a go at doing it.

Everyone is welcome to come and see the demonstration at the Village Hall on the 1st Tuesday in September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## Comic Hero Run makes an epic return!

St Helena Hospice's Comic Hero Run is back for 2022 and is set to be better than ever – and registration is now open!

You are invited to join the event on Sunday 16th October in Colchester's historic Castle Park to take part in either a 1km, 5km or 10km fun run to raise money for your local hospice to help people in north east Essex face incurable illness and bereavement.

This family fun event is suitable for all ages and fitness levels and dressing up is highly encouraged – although optional.

Lisa Chenery, fundraiser at St Helena Hospice, said: "We are so excited to be bringing back Comic Hero Run to Colchester after a three-year break and we hope to see lots of you getting into the spirit and donning your best superhero costumes!"

With three different routes to choose from, there is something for everyone, whether you're looking for a fun and active day out with the family, or fancy challenging yourself or want to get competitive with friends or family, by taking on the longer 10k run."

All the money raised from this event will go towards helping patients and families receive the care and support they need, when they need it, where they need it. What are you waiting for? Grab your light sabers and cape and sign up today at www.sthelena.org.uk/comichero

Groups of four can also save 10% on registration fees when signing up 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children, simply enter the discount code FAMILY10 when prompted at the checkout when signing up.

## Gardening Notes August 2022 THE WINNERS AND LOSERS!



No one could say it has been an easy summer for gardening!

As we all know the challenge has been rain, or rather lack of it. WE seem to have only had a couple of decent downpours, lasting over several days, since the beginning of March. I have been watering the garden, on and off, for the last 5 months.

So I thought I would take you on a virtual tour to see what might have survived without so much attention and also take a long hard look at those plants which I really shouldn't try to grow in these desert conditions.

**The stars of the show** have been the salvias. There have been lots and lots of new varieties that have been developed in recent years. All of them will stand dry hot conditions better than most plants. I have some favourites. One of the best for the taller varieties is salvia scalarea turkestanica – a bit of a mouthful, but a very pretty biennial. It has pale mauve and pink bracts and furry grey leaves. It seeds itself gently around and I wouldn't be without it.

Salvia nemorosa is a very useful group of plants. About 18" tall, it comes in all sorts of cultivars. One that I like a lot is called 'caradonna'. It has spikes of dark blue flowers and I have it planted at intervals down my herbaceous border.

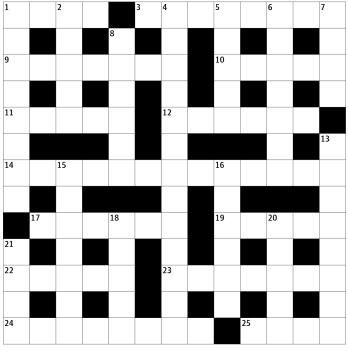
**Sedums** are another group of plants which have shown no signs of struggling with the heat. There is a particular group of them called 'sunsparkler'. They are compact and come in a variety of shades, ideal for the front of the border.

Another front of border plant that is looking very perky regardless of whether I water it or not is **euphorbia myrsinites**. A ground hugging grey glaucus leaved plant, it looks good all through the summer.

So what about the things we shouldn't be planting? Well, they are legion! Unless one is prepared to water all summer, a traditional herbaceous border may well be doomed to failure. I love phlox, stalwarts of the August border, but they hate the heat, need lots of water and a rich well drained soil with lots or organic matter in it and this is only the start of a long list including many bedding out annuals, that don't like what has been happening to the garden in recent weeks. More planning needed, without a doubt!

**R&A QUICK CROSSWORD** 

Solutions over page



Across

- 1. Green—fruit (4)
- Honorary title for a professor retired from active service (8)
- 9. Parisian hat (7)
- 10. One of twelve panellists (5)
- 11. On war (anag) (5)
- 12. National dish of offal, suet, oatmeal and seasoning (6)
- 14. Sit behind the driver? (4,1,4,4)
- 17. Something of no consequence (6)
- 19. Shade ie asp (anag) (5)
- 22. Sing like Bing? (5)
- 23. Engage as a participant (7)
- 24. Religious studies (8)
- 25. Very dark (4)

#### Down

- 1. Make deep cuts in (8)
- 2. Sound like a cat (5)
- 4. Delicious (5-8)
- 5. Arrange differently (5)
- 6. Rotary engine (7)
- 7. Active (for one's age?) (4)
- 8. Rupture in smooth muscle tissue (6)
- 13. Plan of action (8)
- 15. Interactive sing-along entertainment (7)
- 16. Breakaway province of Serbia, populated predominantly by Albanians (6)
- 18. Last game in a competion (5)
- 20. Monty Python actor, Michael (5)
- 21. Someone from north of the border? (4)



#### **Opening Hours**

Weekday lunchtimes from 12pm - 2:00pm & Wednesday evenings from 6pm - 8:30pm we offer a set menu – 2 Courses £13.50, 3 Courses £15.95

Monday – Closed all day

Tuesday - 5:30pm - 10:30pm

Wednesday/Thursday - 12.00pm - 3.00pm 5:30pm - 10:30pm

Friday – 5pm – 11:30pm

Saturday - 12.00pm - 11:30pm

Sunday - 12.00pm - 8.00pm

(food served Wednesday to Sunday)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

14th August, Sunday – Quiz Night – Book your table -maximum 6 people per team 19th August, Friday - Colchester Morris Men - dance @ 8pm

20th August, Saturday - Live music event with 'Original Sin' including a Raffle & BBQ. Fundraising Night for Great Tey Swimming Pool Fund. £6 per ticket with a Spot Prize included on your ticket.

27th August, Saturday – Fish Night – menu available from the bar – pre-order 4th September, Sunday – Village cricket

18th September, Sunday - Quiz Night - Book your table -maximum 6 people per team 24th September, Saturday - theme night - menu to TBC

Please note: the website shown on an internet search of The Chequers Great Tey is not owned by us and the information is out of date.

Tel: 01206 210814

Facebook: The Chequers-Great Tey (The new page has a hyphen in between words, the old page belongs to the previous tenant of The Chequers)

> Instagram: The Chequers-Great Tey the\_chequers\_great\_tey

> > Email: thechequersgreattey@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you @ The Chequers.

Solutions

Please note copy deadline for the **September** issue

will be:

## Wednesday 24th August 2022

PLEASE send all copy BEFORE noon on this day to the editor, David Edwards at

### edwardsdj44@gmail.com

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